Analysis of Coach Bill Beam

In the case of Coach Bill Beam's aggressive behavior towards his players, several legal causes of action may arise against Beam, the athletic director, and Midwest University. The key issues revolve around negligence, assault, and the university's vicarious liability.

Negligence: Beam's failure to adhere to a standard of care expected from a coach could lead to a negligence claim. Given his aggressive behavior and the resulting injury to a player, it demonstrates a breach of duty to ensure a safe environment. The university and the athletic director could also be implicated for not taking sufficient action upon knowing Beam's conduct.

Assault: The intentional act of Beam slamming one of his basketball players against a locker that injured that player could be considered assault. This act, being intentional and harmful, provides clear grounds for a legal cause of action against Beam.

Vicarious Liability: Midwest University may be held vicariously liable for Beam's actions, as they occurred within the scope of his employment. The university's liability would hinge on whether it can be proven that they were aware of Beam's behavior and failed to take corrective measures.

Duty of Care: Both Beam and the university had a duty of care towards the players. The injury resulting from Beam's actions indicates a breach of this duty, leading to potential legal action based on the failure to provide a safe playing and training environment.

In conclusion, the legal causes of action against Beam, the athletic director, and Midwest University include negligence, assault, and vicarious liability, underpinned by a breach of the duty of care. The evidence from the case study, aligned with legal principles from Chapter 4, supports these potential actions.